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Please replace the paragraph beginning on amended page 2, line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

-- This object is achieved according to the invention in that fault messages are derived using a program running on a processor if one of the input variables to be monitored exceeds respective limiting values which are predefined for it, in that the a respective counter is incremented by the fault messages, in that the counter reading is checked to determine whether at least one fault message is present, and in that, if this is the case, a further check is carried out in advance for the relevant input variable, in that the fault messages each increment a counter, and in that an alarm is not triggered until a predefined counter reading is reached. --

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on amended page 2, line 32, with the following amended paragraph:

-- ~~By means of one development of the method in which there is provision for the~~ The size of the increments and, if appropriate, of the decrements and the predefined counter reading to may be preselectable, and the triggering of an alarm can be adapted individually to the type of respective fault message. This development particular embodiment is preferably implemented by the preselectable variables being read out from a nonvolatile memory when the device is switched on. --

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T.S. 8/30/07 Please replace the paragraph beginning on amended page 3, line 20, with the following amended paragraph:

--The invention also comprises an arrangement for suppressing fault messages in monitoring systems for electronic devices, in particular for sensor circuits for motor vehicles, in which it is provided that in a microprocessor it is possible to run a program with which fault messages are derived if one of the input variables to be monitored exceeds respective limiting values which are predefined for it, ~~and in that the~~. A respective counter is incremented by the fault messages, ~~in that the~~. The counter reading is checked to determine whether at least one fault message is present, and in that, if this is the case, further checking is carried out in advance for the relevant input variable, ~~and in that an~~. An alarm is not triggered until at least one of the counters reaches a respectively predefined counter reading. --

Page 4, before line 1, the paragraph beginning with "The invention permits", insert the following title:

-- **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS** --

Page 4, before line 13, the paragraph beginning with "For the sake", insert the following title:

-- **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS** --